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Marlinton the county seat of Pocahontas County, is beautifully situated at the junction of Knapps Creek and the Greenbrier River, with an elevation of 2,123 feet above sea-level. It is the site of the oldest settlement in Pocahontas County made by Stephen Sewell and Jacob Marlin during the winter of 1750-51 and was known as Marlins Bottom until 1887. In Dec. 1890 Colonel John T McGraw purchased the farms known as Marlins Bottom and the Pocahontas Development Company was chartered to promote the town. It offered \$5,000. to be applied on a new court-house if the people would change the county-seat from Huntersville to Marlinton which was done by special election and the Chesapeak & Ohio Railway was begun immediately and completed in 1905 and since the completion of the railroad the town has continued to grow.

Located in Marlinton is a High and Graded School two banks The Bank Of Marlinton and The First National, the town has two weekly newspapers the Pocahontas Times established in 1889 by the Prices and now edited by *The Times first published* B Marshall, 1883 by James B Canfield & Hezekiah Calvin Price, The Marlinton Journal was established in 1918 and owned by the Woodyard Publication of Spencer.W.Va. The Greenbrier Tannery of the Union Tanning Co. under the supervision of S.N Hench operated here for years or until it burned about 1929 was rebuilt but did not operate until 1941 when it was bought by the United States Leather Co, a branch of the International

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Company of St. Louis Mo. S. B Wallace & Company wholesale druggists, Clifto-
Forge Grocery, wholesale grocers with J. A McLaughlin as salesman and mgr.
an up to date hardware store owned and operated by C. J Richardson & sons
A. G Killingsworth building contractor and building material born in Marli-
nton took took to building construction at an early age and has built many
of the business houses and dwellings in Marlinton, as the town grew more st-
ores and other business establishments were built as today you find the
following home owned stores Thomas & Thomas ~~and~~ owned by Mrs Anna Thomas,
O. K Grocery by Laura Nelson, The Shrader Store by Glenn Shrader, P. C Curry
general store, Williams & Pifer gen store, Forest Malcomb gen. store, Peoples
Store & Supply Co. by the late Ira D Brill and now owned by his wife Lura
Brill, an up to date drug store with Drs. Allen & Callison as owners, News
stand and confections Harry Sharp and another by his brother Wilber, T. D Mo-
ore Dry goods and groceries with an up to date jewelery store by Amos Woo-
Dell, Langs dress Shop by Fleta & Mable Lang, a shoe repair shop by Dice Gri-
mes and another by Raymond Wiley. Marlinton also has the following garages
Baxters, Rexrodes, Shafers, A. C Pifer, Sheets & Kingor Marlinton Electric all of
places of business are home owned and operated and grew with the expansion
of the town with the help of all the public spirited men namely Calvin Price
and the late Andrew Price, S. B Wallace, (the late) Ira D Brill, and many others as the pop-
ulation in 1900 was 171, in 1910 it was 1,045 and in 1940 it was 1500

The mens shop by Paul Overholt,

*Kent
Business 5 + 109 Ave. 70*

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Walter

Carl

Frank

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Marlinton has three gasoline distribution tanks The Standard Oil Co.

Sheets & King, American, and Williams & Pifer Conoco.

Years ago in the days of what was called the peddler days Paul Golden carried a pack on his back all over the hills of Pocahontas County making enough money to start a department store which he operated for years later going into the lumber business but at present in the Wholesale Dry Goods business covering several states. Marlinton has an up to date meat market owned by Frank McLaughlin.

Marlinton has the following hotels The Marlin Sewell, Clarks Home Hotel, Weifords Hotel besides many tourists homes the one in the town is operated by Mrs. S. J. Rexrode.

~~XXXXXXXX~~ Marlinton has had many doctors both medical and surgical many of the earlier ones moved out but we find Drs. Norman and James Price, O. A. Howard in the medical field while we find Drs. Harry Solter and K. J. Hamrick in both the medical and surgical field all these men administering to the many people of Pocahontas County the surgery being performed in the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital under the supervision of Mrs. N. S. Woodyard.

Hillsboro is the oldest town in Pocahontas County from the standpoint of incorporation, having been chartered in 1886. The town of Huntersville was incorporated 1822 by the Virginia Assembly but charter was surrendered at a